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## MIDWEST LIVESTOCK MARKET REVIEW

Cattle receipts increased moderately compared with a week earlier, but were of about the same volume as a year ago. Fed steers closed steady to 50¢ lower at most midwest markets, instances $1.00 off, with some strength late on a few sales at Chicago. Price trend was also uneven on heifers while cows declined mostly 50¢-$1.00. Some expansion in marketings of cattle and further weakness in wholesale dressed beef were bearish factors in the week's cattle trade. Feature of the hog trade was the development of an extremely uneven price trend. Closing sales at Eastern Corn Belt markets were steady to 75¢ higher, while prices in the Western Corn Belt showed an opposite trend. Slaughter lambs sold unevenly $1.00 higher to $1.00 lower at midwest markets.

## SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES

Slaughter steers weighing around 1100# and below were in best demand and bulk of these sold at steady to weak prices with heavier weights weak to 50¢ or more lower. At Chicago, however, steers grading average-Choice and Prime closed steady, with other grades steady to 25¢ higher after being as much as 50¢ lower early in the week. At St. Louis National Stock Yards Good and Choice offerings were mainly 25-50¢ off, while at St. Joseph where one major packer was out of the trade due to labor trouble, closing sales were 50¢-$1.00 lower. Receipts of salable cattle at 12 markets showed a moderate increase compared with the previous week. An additional bearish factor in the fed steer trade was a weaker trend in wholesale beef, particularly Choice and Prime, thus narrowing the spread even further between the grades of dressed beef. Less than 4 percent of the beef steers at Chicago consisted of straight lots of Prime offerings, while at other points most of the limited number of Prime steers were confined to those mixed with consignments of high-Choice. About 95% of the fed steers at Chicago, Omaha and Sioux City graded Good and Choice, with the latter predominating. The average weight of beef steers at Chicago at 1134# was 9 pounds heavier than the previous week, but the average at Sioux City was 10 pounds under a week earlier. Supplies of heifers were usually moderate to small and these along with the lighterweight steers found rather dependable outlet. Heifers closed steady to 25¢ higher at Chicago, 50¢-$1.00 lower at Kansas City and St. Joseph, instances 50¢ lower at St. Louis National Stock Yards, largely steady elsewhere in the midwest. Marketings of cows increased particularly from areas lacking sufficient moisture, and closing prices were mainly 50¢-$1.00 lower. Bulls sold largely steady to 50¢ off.

A few loads of Prime 1045-1455# steers brought $23.00-24.00 at Chicago, some high-Choice and Prime $21.25-22.50, bulk Good and Choice $17.25-21.00. At other midwest terminals occasional loads of high-Choice to Prime steers brought $20.50-22.00, bulk Good and Choice $16.75-20.00. One load of high-Choice to mostly Prime 1045# heifers reached $21.85 at Chicago, highest price for straight heifers in 4 weeks. Good and Choice offerings bulked at midwest terminals from $16.50-20.50. Vealers and slaughter calves closed steady to $3.00 lower for the week. Most Good and Choice vealers brought $19.00-24.00 at S. St. Paul and St. Louis National Stock Yards, high-Choice and Prime reaching $25.00.

## STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES

Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle at terminal markets increased moderately compared with the previous week and a year ago. Shipments of steers to the country from the 10 markets during the week totaled 16,669, compared with 13,297 the previous week and 12,029 a year ago. General quality showed seasonal deterioration as a relatively large proportion consisted of Medium and Good grades with an increased percent of these made up of small lots of trucked-in offerings. Scattered shipments of Choice yearling and two-year-old steers were marketed but calves grading better than low-Choice were extremely scarce. Trading was slow with prices unevenly steady to $1.00 lower. Common to average-Good stockers both calves and

yearlings, showed most decline. Insufficient moisture and lack of good pasturage in some areas as well as the recent bearishness in the fat cattle trade were among factors tending to discourage demand for stockers except at considerably lower price levels. However, even though the current price relationship between fats and feeders is not overly favorable, demand was fairly dependable for the limited number of well-bred feeder steers on offer and prices on this class seldom showed more than a 25-50¢ downturn, with sales often at steady or near steady prices. A limited number of three to six-year-old cows sold to stocker buyers but a poor demand existed for older cows. In some instances, salesmen had to separate cows and calves in order to find outlet. Usually such offerings either lacked somewhat in quality or included cows seven years or more in age.

Good and Choice feeder steers 800# up sold largely from $16.50-19.00. Good 1116# offerings were included at $16.50, Choice 1020# at $18.00. Choice 714# yearling feeders reached $19.75, and in one instance a finisher paid $20.25 for Choice partly-fattened 867# steers. Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold from $16.00-20.50, but not many exceeded $19.50. Common and Medium stockers cashed from $11.00-15.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers ranged from $15.00-18.00. A few Choice steer calves brought $21.00 and heifer calves occasionally reached $19.00.

## HOGS

Mixed price trends developed in the midwest hog trade following three weeks of sustained upturns that carried general price levels at most markets to the highest basis since last July. At the close of the previous week prices at Eastern Corn Belt terminals were relatively low compared with those paid in the Western portion of the area. In somewhat of a readjustment during the week under review prices at Eastern Corn Belt markets closed steady to 75¢ higher, while at Missouri River markets and S. St. Paul, as well as in Interior Iowa and Southern Minnesota, late prices were barely steady to 75¢ or more lower. Expansion in marketings in the Western Corn Belt and moderation in receipts farther east played a part in the readjustment. The week's price changes affected all weights of butchers about equally but in the sow class heavy offerings declined more than lighterweights. Wholesale fresh pork prices showed further advances which were reflected in a good shipping demand for hogs. Combined receipts expanded compared with the previous week when the volume was smallest since last August. The increase was mainly in Western parts of the Corn Belt. Bulk of the butcher supply consisted of 190-250# weights with scattered lots weighing 260-330# also included. Most butchers were mixed lots of No. 2 and 3 grades. Competition was keen for the comparatively small number of U.S. No. 1 and 2 190-220# lots which sold 25-75¢ above bulk prices for comparable weights. Uniform lots No. 1 and 2 190-220# sold from $18.00-18.65, a few up to $19.00 at Chicago. Bulk of the less uniform No. 1 to 3 180-250# closed at $16.50-17.50 in the Western Corn Belt and mostly $17.50-18.25 in the Eastern part of the area.

Stocker and feeder pigs sold steady to weak at midwest markets. Good and Choice brought mostly $14.50-15.25 at Sioux City, few early $15.75, late sales at S. St. Paul $15.00-15.50, some early to $16.00. Scattered lots 100-140# feeders brought $13.00-13.50 at Kansas City. Prices at Memphis were 50¢-$1.00 higher, Medium and Good 70-140# feeders selling from $11.00-13.00, few Good and Choice up to $14.00.

## SHEEP AND LAMBS

Erratic price trends characterized the week's trading in spring lambs. At Chicago, for instance, prices moved sharply upward on Tuesday, placing sales of Choice and Prime offerings at $27.50-29.25. Part of the advance was lost toward the close, with late sales of Choice and Prime around $1.00 higher for the week at $26.50-28.00. At Missouri River markets and S. St. Paul spring lambs closed unevenly steady to $1.00 lower, Choice and Prime mainly $25.00-26.50, mostly $26.00 and below late, with a few lots of Prime lambs early at $27.00-27.50. At Indianapolis prices advanced $1.50-2.00 during the week, Good to Prime lots cashing from $24.00-28.00. Spring lamb trade at Ft. Worth, where marketings are seasonally liberal, was featured by a price break of $3.00 during the week. Old-

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## WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

| Market | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 |
| Chicago | 42,785 | 46,100 | 2,200 | 2,080 | 38,632 | 46,602 | 3,292 | 8,964 |
| Cincinnati | 3,833 | 4,363 | 1,415 | 1,469 | 12,760 | 10,583 | 625 | 606 |
| Denver | 13,726 | 15,074 | 895 | 523 | 2,959 | 2,346 | 4,462 | 4,155 |
| Fort Worth | 14,041 | 13,707 | 2,044 | 2,766 | 3,277 | 2,361 | 35,257 | 42,868 |
| Indianapolis | 9,604 | 8,953 | 1,230 | 1,767 | 38,492 | 34,204 | 744 | 743 |
| Kansas City | 20,650 | 17,007 | 2,199 | 1,453 | 12,461 | 6,922 | 9,354 | 7,533 |
| Oklahoma City | 18,783 | 13,664 | 2,141 | 1,194 | 5,857 | 3,015 | 3,619 | 3,580 |
| Omaha | 39,322 | 42,841 | 1,199 | 855 | 32,237 | 35,827 | 7,884 | 11,965 |
| St. Joseph | 14,617 | 13,288 | 1,754 | 825 | 24,088 | 22,997 | 5,465 | 4,018 |
| St. Louis NSY | 16,672 | 15,541 | 3,831 | 3,906 | 57,230 | 35,084 | 3,555 | 5,098 |
| Sioux City | 19,979 | 22,334 | 289 | 242 | 22,841 | 28,422 | 4,927 | 6,261 |
| S. St. Paul | 22,021 | 21,007 | 8,000 | 8,584 | 40,373 | 45,533 | 2,306 | 4,690 |
| Total | 236,033 | 233,879 | 27,197 | 25,664 | 291,207 | 273,896 | 81,490 | 100,481 |
| May 19, 1956 | 209,241 | | 21,929 | | 289,689 | | 79,257 | |

### INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

| Week ended: | Hogs | Sheep |
|---|---|---|
| May 26, 1956 | 244,000 | 22,800 |
| May 19, 1956 | 207,100 | 18,400 |
| May 28, 1955 | 266,000 | 29,700 |

### FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

| | Week ended | | | Month | | Four months | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | May 26 1955 | Apr. 1956 | Apr. 1955 | Jan. - Apr. 1956 | Jan. - Apr. 1955 |
| Steers - 1001# up | 414 | 240 | 345 | 2,058 | 3,670 | 6,935 | 10,955 |
| 901-1000 | 581 | 634 | 941 | 5,131 | 8,283 | 23,042 | 34,570 |
| 801-900 | 1,786 | 1,500 | 1,316 | 8,812 | 11,346 | 46,133 | 51,987 |
| 701-800 | 3,090 | 2,744 | 2,268 | 13,629 | 13,611 | 55,399 | 55,890 |
| 501-700 | 10,798 | 8,179 | 7,159 | 39,430 | 42,816 | 146,017 | 159,351 |
| Total steers 10 mkts. | 16,669 | 13,297 | 12,029 | 69,060 | 79,726 | 277,526 | 312,753 |
| Av. wts. " " " | 678# | 682# | 692# | 697# | 716# | 708# | 718# |
| Av. cost* " " " | $16.84 | $17.40 | $18.54 | $17.32 | $20.52 | $16.83 | $20.13 |
| " " " Chicago | 18.64 | 17.85 | 19.81 | 18.41 | 20.96 | 17.34 | 20.30 |
| " " " Ks. City | 17.47 | 17.82 | 19.40 | 17.81 | 21.25 | 17.36 | 20.90 |
| " " " Omaha | 17.20 | 17.53 | 18.76 | 17.13 | 20.67 | 16.65 | 20.17 |
| " " " S. St. Paul | 16.17 | 16.11 | 17.09 | 16.36 | 19.04 | 15.46 | 18.24 |
| " " " Sioux City | 17.80 | 18.29 | 18.94 | 17.67 | 20.77 | 17.09 | 20.48 |
| " " " Denver | 18.01 | 17.37 | 19.25 | 17.49 | 20.96 | 17.34 | 21.78 |
| " " " Ft. Worth | 15.85 | 16.62 | 17.18 | 16.87 | 19.23 | 16.46 | 19.11 |
| " " " Okla. City | 15.29 | 16.65 | 17.44 | 16.30 | 19.36 | 16.27 | 19.21 |
| " " " S. St. Joseph | 16.32 | 16.52 | 17.58 | 16.77 | 20.03 | 16.54 | 19.84 |
| " " " Natl. Stk. Yds. | 16.63 | 17.31 | 17.93 | 16.92 | 19.69 | 16.35 | 18.99 |
| Total calves-10 mkts. | 6,898 | 6,936 | 4,979 | 19,195 | 29,732 | 91,570 | 125,293 |
| " cows. heifers, bulls- " " | 4,777 | 4,406 | 3,083 | 14,560 | 17,326 | 49,528 | 63,793 |

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

## BEEF STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER

| Grade | Number of head | | | Percent of total by grades | | | Average weight (pounds) | | | Average price in dollars per 100 lb. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Week ended | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | May 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | May 26 1955 | May 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | May 26 1955 | May 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | May 26 1955 | May 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | May 26 1955 |
| **CHICAGO** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 1135 | 793 | 852 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 1264 | 1295 | 1251 | 22.57 | 22.58 | 25.01 |
| Choice | 19320 | 14971 | 17258 | 62.6 | 64.5 | 59.1 | 1183 | 1170 | 1138 | 20.66 | 20.52 | 22.77 |
| Good | 9829 | 6659 | 9349 | 31.8 | 28.7 | 32.0 | 1036 | 1026 | 1019 | 18.89 | 18.65 | 20.57 |
| Com'l. | 535 | 656 | 1584 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 5.4 | 945 | 929 | 980 | 16.06 | 15.77 | 17.28 |
| Utility | 67 | 126 | 184 | .2 | .6 | .6 | 803 | 902 | 916 | 14.45 | 13.81 | 14.87 |
| All grades | 30886 | 23205 | 29227 | | | | 1134 | 1125 | 1093 | 20.15 | 19.97 | 21.88 |
| **OMAHA 1/** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 101 | 95 | 213 | .6 | .5 | 1.1 | 1251 | 1297 | 1337 | 21.43 | 21.39 | 24.14 |
| Choice | 12034 | 10964 | 11818 | 67.3 | 65.3 | 59.8 | 1142 | 1142 | 1109 | 19.56 | 19.53 | 21.52 |
| Good | 4951 | 4966 | 6337 | 27.7 | 29.6 | 32.1 | 1011 | 1018 | 1004 | 17.86 | 17.87 | 19.33 |
| Com'l. | 646 | 637 | 1111 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 5.6 | 948 | 943 | 974 | 15.39 | 15.26 | 16.73 |
| Utility | 147 | 129 | 284 | .8 | .8 | 1.4 | 866 | 857 | 916 | 13.70 | 13.61 | 14.61 |
| All grades | 17879 | 16791 | 19763 | | | | 1097 | 1096 | 1068 | 18.97 | 18.91 | 20.56 |
| **SIOUX CITY 1/** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 38 | -- | 34 | .4 | -- | .3 | 1264 | -- | 1280 | 21.00 | -- | 24.62 |
| Choice | 6326 | 6462 | 5780 | 71.6 | 75.6 | 61.9 | 1132 | 1136 | 1113 | 19.42 | 19.53 | 21.33 |
| Good | 2163 | 1635 | 2810 | 24.5 | 19.1 | 30.1 | 1014 | 1026 | 1007 | 17.92 | 17.81 | 19.23 |
| Com'l. | 292 | 341 | 639 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 6.8 | 1020 | 1007 | 995 | 15.81 | 15.87 | 16.90 |
| Utility | 21 | 108 | 82 | .2 | 1.3 | .9 | 866 | 1075 | 1006 | 13.94 | 14.22 | 14.35 |
| All grades | 8840 | 8546 | 9345 | | | | 1099 | 1109 | 1073 | 18.97 | 19.02 | 20.41 |
| **KANSAS CITY 1/** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 23 | 56 | 99 | .4 | .9 | 1.9 | 1087 | 1041 | 1124 | 20.92 | 22.04 | 23.79 |
| Choice | 2391 | 2883 | 2830 | 46.0 | 49.8 | 54.8 | 1096 | 1083 | 1107 | 19.67 | 19.88 | 22.20 |
| Good | 2501 | 2373 | 1877 | 48.0 | 41.0 | 36.3 | 1064 | 1084 | 1013 | 18.34 | 18.33 | 19.58 |
| Com'l. | 251 | 428 | 318 | 4.8 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 995 | 1005 | 897 | 15.40 | 15.80 | 16.47 |
| Utility | 34 | 53 | 40 | .8 | .9 | .8 | 878 | 937 | 907 | 12.63 | 13.93 | 13.89 |
| All grades | 5200 | 5793 | 5164 | | | | 1074 | 1076 | 1059 | 18.81 | 18.93 | 20.97 |
| **ST. LOUIS NSY 1/** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | -- | -- | 23 | -- | -- | .5 | -- | -- | 1145 | -- | -- | 24.86 |
| Choice | 1948 | 1967 | 1632 | 38.5 | 31.2 | 34.6 | 1083 | 1084 | 1024 | 19.86 | 19.86 | 21.97 |
| Good | 2208 | 2905 | 2114 | 43.6 | 46.0 | 44.9 | 1001 | 962 | 946 | 18.70 | 18.59 | 20.05 |
| Com'l. | 659 | 1202 | 751 | 13.0 | 19.0 | 15.9 | 915 | 888 | 863 | 17.22 | 17.13 | 17.42 |
| Utility | 246 | 239 | 193 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 887 | 797 | 840 | 15.31 | 14.93 | 14.97 |
| All grades | 5061 | 6313 | 4713 | | | | 1016 | 980 | 956 | 18.86 | 18.66 | 20.23 |
| **S. ST. JOSEPH 1/** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 1 | 2 | 40 | .1 | -- | .7 | 1030 | 1102 | 1026 | 21.46 | 22.00 | 22.80 |
| Choice | 3136 | 3313 | 2670 | 57.8 | 51.3 | 44.0 | 1114 | 1120 | 1111 | 19.15 | 19.75 | 21.68 |
| Good | 1694 | 2505 | 2544 | 31.2 | 38.8 | 41.9 | 1028 | 1048 | 1036 | 17.65 | 17.96 | 19.67 |
| Com'l. | 504 | 520 | 687 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 11.3 | 958 | 958 | 1008 | 15.09 | 15.55 | 17.16 |
| Utility | 89 | 122 | 124 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 869 | 892 | 872 | 13.10 | 13.92 | 14.96 |
| All grades | 5424 | 6462 | 6065 | | | | 1069 | 1074 | 1063 | 18.28 | 18.68 | 20.27 |

Continued.

## BEEF STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER

| Grade | Number of head | | | Percent of total by grades | | | Average weight (pounds) | | | Average price in dollars per 100 lb. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Week ended | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | 26 1955 | 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | 26 1955 | 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | 26 1955 | 24 1956 | May 17 1956 | 26 1955 |
| **DENVER 1/** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 174 | 168 | 71 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 1317 | 1296 | 1196 | 21.42 | 22.00 | 23.19 |
| Choice | 4932 | 4652 | 4945 | 77.8 | 78.5 | 77.2 | 1138 | 1126 | 1111 | 19.50 | 19.53 | 22.16 |
| Good | 1149 | 936 | 1297 | 18.1 | 15.8 | 20.2 | 1014 | 1051 | 983 | 18.61 | 18.07 | 20.83 |
| Com'l. | 81 | 59 | 97 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 951 | 1054 | 828 | 15.08 | 14.99 | 15.36 |
| Utility | -- | 111 | -- | -- | 1.9 | -- | -- | 911 | -- | -- | 14.18 | -- |
| All grades | 6336 | 5926 | 6410 | | | | 1118 | 1114 | 1082 | 19.37 | 19.27 | 21.93 |

1/ These summaries developed from data collected on marketings of fed cattle by the Agricultural Estimates Division.

## ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

| Week ended | Beef | | Veal | | Pork (excl. lard) | | Lamb and mutton | | Total meat prod. | Total lard prod. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Prod. | Number | Prod. | Number | Prod. | Number | Prod. | | |
| | 1,000 | mil. lb. | 1,000 | mil. lb. | 1,000 | mil. lb. | 1,000 | mil. lb. | mil. lb. | mil. lb. |
| May 26, 1956 | 360 | 196.6 | 137 | 17.3 | 1,013 | 138.3 | 230 | 10.8 | 363.0 | -- |
| May 19, 1956 | 349 | 190.6 | 129 | 16.0 | 1,021 | 139.8 | 230 | 10.8 | 357.2 | -- |
| May 12, 1956 1/ | 375 | -- | 133 | -- | 1,155 | -- | 251 | -- | -- | 41.7 |
| May 28, 1955 | 368 | 194.6 | 141 | 17.6 | 942 | 134.1 | 275 | 12.8 | 359.1 | 36.1 |
| Percentage change from: | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 19, 1956 | +3 | +3 | +6 | +8 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | +2 | -- |
| May 28, 1955 | -2 | +1 | -3 | -2 | +8 | +3 | -16 | -16 | +1 | -- |

| Week ended | Average weights (lb.) | | | | | | | | Lard yield per 100 lb. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | | |
| | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed 2/ | Live | Dressed | |
| May 26, 1956 | 985 | 546 | 230 | 126 | 245 | 136 | 96 | 47 | -- |
| May 19, 1956 | 985 | 546 | 225 | 124 | 244 | 137 | 96 | 47 | -- |
| May 12, 1956 | 990 | 548 | 220 | 121 | 240 | 134 | 96 | 47 | -- |
| May 28, 1955 | 955 | 529 | 227 | 125 | 258 | 142 | 96 | 47 | 14.8 |

1/ Actual slaughter.

2/ Excludes lard.

## WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

| City or Area | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep & Lambs | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 28 1955 |
| Boston, New York City Area.. | 14,173 | 10,397 | 12,440 | 11,597 | 52,728 | 47,578 | 39,284 | 42,015 |
| Baltimore, Philadelphia..... | 7,547 | 7,557 | 1,468 | 1,319 | 25,662 | 22,489 | 2,816 | 2,985 |
| Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls.. | 17,186 | 17,181 | 8,064 | 6,613 | 80,817 | 70,253 | 15,134 | 12,146 |
| Chicago Area..... | 24,693 | 27,377 | 6,742 | 8,439 | 44,967 | 49,714 | 4,304 | 6,597 |
| St. Paul-Wisc. Areas..... | 29,228 | 30,039 | 20,828 | 25,167 | 85,142 | 79,038 | 5,819 | 8,751 |
| St. Louis Area..... | 13,716 | 15,220 | 5,096 | 6,322 | 69,542 | 53,056 | 8,802 | 11,307 |
| Omaha Area..... | 29,246 | 34,493 | 1,197 | 761 | 62,716 | 59,288 | 7,990 | 16,287 |
| Kansas City..... | 14,045 | 14,382 | 3,906 | 3,794 | 24,896 | 21,519 | 10,094 | 12,535 |
| Iowa-So. Minnesota 1/..... | 38,777 | 36,828 | 12,657 | 13,845 | 234,406 | 238,208 | 23,727 | 33,395 |
| Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's... | 9,449 | 10,860 | 7,798 | 11,695 | 43,879 | 37,460 | 2/ | 2/ |
| Georgia-Alabama Area..... | 5,763 | 8,903 | 3,228 | 4,045 | 22,910 | 14,687 | 2/ | 2/ |
| St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.. | 18,718 | 17,649 | 4,578 | 3,451 | 33,897 | 36,380 | 9,385 | 19,726 |
| Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio. | 18,728 | 22,412 | 8,716 | 8,183 | 16,571 | 15,237 | 27,627 | 30,662 |
| Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City. | 18,141 | 15,989 | 1,142 | 850 | 15,674 | 13,324 | 15,883 | 10,958 |
| Los Angeles, San. Fran. Areas. | 25,178 | 26,050 | 4,457 | 3,893 | 30,275 | 27,333 | 25,371 | 35,144 |
| Portland, Seattle, Spokane.... | 6,886 | 7,021 | 943 | 622 | 13,790 | 11,934 | 4,458 | 4,376 |
| Total..... | 291,474 | 302,358 | 103,260 | 110,596 | 857,872 | 797,498 | 200,694 | 246,884 |
| Accumulation to date..... | 6,259,224 | 6,011,000 | 2,181,779 | 2,218,968 | 24,073,879 | 20,342,549 | 5,023,277 | 5,185,340 |

1/ Includes Sioux City. 2/ Not available.

## ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION BY WEEKS, APRIL, 1956

| Week ended | Cattle | | | Calves | | | Hogs | | | Sheep and Lambs | | | Total meat prod. | Lard | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Av. dr. wt. | Prod. | Number | Av. dr. wt. | Prod. | Number | Av. dr. wt. | Prod. 1/ | Number | Av. dr. wt. | Prod. | | Yield per 100 lb. | Prod. |
| | 1,000 | lb. | mil.lb. | 1,000 | lb. | mil.lb. | 1,000 | lb. | mil.lb. | 1,000 | lb. | mil.lb. | mil.lb. | lb. | mil.lb. |
| April 7 | 356 | 574 | 204.2 | 152 | 110 | 16.7 | 1,228 | 130 | 159.3 | 253 | 49 | 12.3 | 392.5 | 15.3 | 43.3 |
| 14 | 355 | 568 | 201.7 | 145 | 117 | 16.9 | 1,191 | 130 | 154.5 | 276 | 47 | 13.0 | 386.1 | 14.7 | 40.9 |
| 21 | 374 | 562 | 210.2 | 141 | 119 | 16.8 | 1,237 | 130 | 160.5 | 275 | 47 | 13.0 | 400.5 | 15.0 | 43.5 |
| 28 | 377 | 561 | 211.6 | 140 | 122 | 17.1 | 1,333 | 130 | 173.0 | 264 | 47 | 12.5 | 414.2 | 14.9 | 46.7 |

1/ Excludes lard.

# CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | Chicago | | | Kansas City | | | Omaha | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 | 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 | 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 |
| **Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers** | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime 900-1100# | 23.05 | 23.25 | 25.25 | 22.00 | 22.32 | 24.52 | 22.42 | 22.75 | 24.50 |
| 1100-1300 | 23.35 | 23.58 | 25.58 | 21.50 | 21.82 | 24.58 | 22.25 | 22.62 | 24.75 |
| Choice 900-1100 | 21.08 | 20.98 | 23.38 | 20.00 | 20.30 | 22.28 | 19.98 | 20.08 | 21.82 |
| 1100-1300 | 21.08 | 20.90 | 23.35 | 19.62 | 19.90 | 22.28 | 19.85 | 20.05 | 21.82 |
| Good 900-1100 | 18.52 | 18.48 | 20.28 | 17.42 | 17.78 | 19.40 | 17.30 | 17.32 | 19.08 |
| Com'l. All wts. | 16.00 | 15.90 | 17.02 | 14.95 | 15.75 | 16.45 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 16.75 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime 600-800# | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice " " | 20.22 | 19.98 | 21.92 | 19.40 | 20.00 | 21.28 | 19.62 | 19.70 | 21.45 |
| Good 500-900 | 18.18 | 17.98 | 19.66 | 17.06 | 17.68 | 18.72 | 17.25 | 17.28 | 18.82 |
| Com'l. All wts. | 15.88 | 15.68 | 16.68 | 14.48 | 15.25 | 16.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 16.50 |
| Cows - All weights | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 13.52 | 13.78 | 13.88 | 12.60 | 13.38 | 13.42 | 12.65 | 12.88 | 13.40 |
| Utility | 12.35 | 12.45 | 12.32 | 11.35 | 12.12 | 11.90 | 11.70 | 11.88 | 11.70 |
| Canner & Cutter | 11.22 | 11.28 | 10.72 | 9.85 | 10.70 | 10.15 | 10.38 | 10.52 | 9.90 |
| Bulls - All weights - | | | | | | | | | |
| Good | 13.15 | 13.00 | 13.25 | -- | -- | -- | 12.75 | 12.75 | 13.12 |
| Utility & Commercial | 14.86 | 14.88 | 15.20 | 13.30 | 13.88 | 13.25 | 13.50 | 13.50 | 13.62 |
| Vealers - All weights - | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice & Prime | 24.50 | 25.10 | 23.60 | 20.00 | 21.00 | 21.10 | 21.50 | 21.30 | 20.00 |
| Com'l. & Good | 19.50 | 20.00 | 19.10 | 16.80 | 18.00 | 17.00 | 16.50 | 16.50 | 16.00 |
| Calves - 500# down | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice & Prime | 20.20 | 21.00 | 20.30 | 17.50 | 18.75 | 19.50 | 18.50 | 18.50 | 18.50 |
| Com'l. & Good | 16.00 | 16.50 | 16.30 | 14.80 | 16.25 | 15.50 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 14.50 |
| **Feeder and stocker cattle and calves** | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 500-800# | 20.12 | 19.98 | 22.70 | 19.50 | 19.95 | 22.75 | 19.38 | 19.75 | 21.75 |
| Good " " | 17.75 | 17.48 | 20.50 | 17.20 | 18.05 | 20.00 | 17.25 | 17.50 | 19.50 |
| Medium 500-1000 | 15.62 | 15.50 | 17.25 | 14.80 | 15.55 | 16.75 | 14.62 | 14.75 | 16.75 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 500-750 | 17.62 | 17.45 | 19.30 | 17.50 | 18.50 | 18.75 | 17.38 | 17.75 | 18.50 |
| Med. & Gd. " " | 15.00 | 14.70 | 16.25 | 14.75 | 15.25 | 15.75 | 14.88 | 15.00 | 14.75 |
| Cows - All weights - | | | | | | | | | |
| Medium & Good | -- | -- | -- | 11.00 | 11.25 | 11.25 | 11.38 | 11.38 | 10.75 |
| Calves - 300-500# - | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | 20.75 | 20.80 | 22.00 | 18.85 | 20.00 | 21.62 | 19.25 | 19.50 | 21.25 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | 17.50 | 17.50 | 19.00 | 16.80 | 17.50 | 18.25 | 16.75 | 16.75 | 17.50 |

## HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | | Chicago | | | Interior Iowa and southern Minnesota | | | Indianapolis | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 | 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 | 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 |
| Barrows and gilts – | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S.No.1 | 160–180# | 16.85 | 15.88 | 17.40 | 15.09 | 14.78 | 15.90 | 16.48 | 15.28 | 17.92 |
| 2 and 3 | 180–200 | 17.96 | 16.90 | 18.52 | 16.59 | 16.27 | 17.15 | 18.05 | 16.95 | 19.05 |
| | 200–220 | 17.98 | 17.14 | 18.41 | 16.96 | 16.66 | 17.40 | 18.16 | 16.90 | 18.82 |
| | 220–240 | 17.92 | 17.06 | 18.20 | 16.74 | 16.44 | 17.02 | 17.95 | 16.88 | 18.55 |
| | 240–270 | 17.60 | 16.71 | 17.35 | 16.30 | 16.00 | 16.41 | 17.60 | 16.50 | 17.50 |
| | 270–300 | 17.32 | 16.36 | 16.49 | 15.78 | 15.47 | 15.65 | 16.82 | 15.98 | 16.35 |
| Sows – | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 300–330# | 15.82 | 15.08 | 15.42 | 15.41 | 15.10 | 14.32 | 14.88 | 13.95 | 14.90 |
| | 360–400 | 15.12 | 14.38 | 14.25 | 14.80 | 14.60 | 13.30 | 14.42 | 13.48 | 13.95 |
| | 450–550 | 14.05 | 13.30 | 13.00 | 13.58 | 13.48 | 11.95 | 13.45 | 12.75 | 12.62 |
| Pigs (stocker and feeder)– | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gd. & Ch. | 70–120# | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

| | | Omaha | | | St. Louis National Stock Yards | | | Sioux City | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barrows and gilts – | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S.No.1 | 160–180# | -- | -- | -- | 17.06 | 16.22 | 18.61 | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 and 3 | 180–200 | 17.52 | 17.12 | 18.00 | 17.72 | 16.91 | 18.84 | 16.82 | 16.72 | 17.42 |
| | 200–220 | 17.52 | 17.12 | 18.00 | 17.78 | 16.91 | 18.78 | 17.36 | 17.18 | 17.75 |
| | 220–240 | 17.52 | 17.12 | 18.00 | 17.78 | 16.91 | 18.54 | 17.24 | 17.12 | 17.65 |
| | 240–270 | 17.05 | 16.82 | 17.08 | 17.40 | 16.58 | 17.80 | 16.88 | 16.80 | 16.75 |
| | 270–300 | 16.65 | 16.38 | 15.88 | 17.01 | 16.11 | 16.72 | 16.25 | 16.22 | 15.65 |
| Sows – | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 300–330# | 16.08 | 15.62 | 14.82 | 15.55 | 14.80 | 14.90 | 16.02 | 15.72 | 14.82 |
| | 360–400 | 15.32 | 15.02 | 13.55 | 15.18 | 14.42 | 13.82 | 15.30 | 15.20 | 13.35 |
| | 450–550 | 13.78 | 13.72 | 12.12 | 14.30 | 13.68 | 12.45 | 14.08 | 14.05 | 11.72 |
| Pigs (stocker & feeder)– | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gd. & Ch. | 70–120# | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

| | | S. St. Paul | | | Baltimore | | | N. Portland | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barrows and gilts – | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S.No.1 | 160–180# | 17.22 | 17.12 | 17.68 | 18.12 | 17.06 | 19.38 | 18.53 | 18.25 | 19.69 |
| 2 and 3 | 180–200 | 17.98 | 17.32 | 17.80 | 18.92 | 17.59 | 19.75 | 19.31 | 18.88 | 20.29 |
| | 200–220 | 17.98 | 17.32 | 17.78 | 18.92 | 17.59 | 19.75 | 19.31 | 18.88 | 20.29 |
| | 220–240 | 17.90 | 17.30 | 17.32 | 18.53 | 17.59 | 19.47 | 19.12 | 18.50 | 19.94 |
| | 240–270 | 17.52 | 16.98 | 16.40 | 17.50 | 16.97 | 18.59 | 18.00 | 17.50 | 18.88 |
| | 270–300 | 16.68 | 16.08 | 15.25 | 16.48 | 15.97 | 16.59 | 17.62 | 16.88 | 18.12 |
| Sows – | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 300–330# | 16.18 | 15.58 | 14.70 | 14.79 | 13.59 | 14.19 | 16.00 | 15.50 | 15.75 |
| | 360–400 | 15.35 | 14.65 | 13.32 | 14.75 | 13.56 | 14.19 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 14.88 |
| | 450–550 | 14.28 | 13.80 | 11.60 | 13.44 | 12.38 | 12.00 | 12.75 | 12.75 | 14.00 |
| Pigs (stocker & feeder)– | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gd. & Ch. | 70–120# | 15.50 | 15.15 | 17.55 | -- | -- | -- | 15.50 | 15.25 | -- |

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

| | Week ended | Chicago | St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards | Kansas City | Omaha | Sioux City | S. St. Joseph | S. St. Paul | Indianapolis | 8 mkts. combined |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AVERAGE COST - | | | | | Dollars per 100 pounds | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | May 26, 1956 | 17.67 | 17.53 | 17.12 | 17.23 | 16.98 | 17.14 | 17.35 | 17.88 | 17.44 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 16.77 | 16.70 | 16.58 | 16.82 | 16.81 | 16.65 | 16.72 | 16.74 | 16.73 |
| | May 28, 1955 | 17.50 | 18.45 | 17.62 | 17.18 | 16.97 | 17.62 | 16.81 | 18.38 | 17.58 |
| Sows | May 26, 1956 | 14.67 | 14.79 | 14.26 | 15.00 | 15.26 | 14.86 | 15.49 | 13.73 | 14.86 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 13.88 | 14.01 | 13.66 | 14.74 | 14.99 | 14.55 | 14.62 | 12.75 | 14.11 |
| | May 28, 1955 | 13.83 | 13.53 | 13.38 | 13.44 | 13.48 | 13.82 | 13.25 | 13.03 | 13.46 |
| AVERAGE WEIGHT - | | | | | Pounds | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | May 26, 1956 | 231 | 217 | 218 | 222 | 228 | 216 | 222 | 224 | 222 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 230 | 217 | 215 | 224 | 228 | 216 | 224 | 224 | 222 |
| | May 28, 1955 | 236 | 216 | 227 | 231 | 234 | 226 | 227 | 223 | 228 |
| Sows | May 26, 1956 | 421 | 400 | 404 | 376 | 374 | 375 | 364 | 443 | 393 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 422 | 404 | 420 | 376 | 378 | 379 | 368 | 446 | 398 |
| | May 28, 1955 | 419 | 415 | 431 | 374 | 361 | 390 | 361 | 453 | 389 |
| NUMBER OF HEAD - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | May 26, 1956 | 26351 | 49495 | 11021 | 23329 | 16047 | 20587 | 28936 | 31491 | 207257 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 25497 | 52745 | 10400 | 19049 | 14468 | 20136 | 33321 | 32287 | 207903 |
| | May 28, 1955 | 34297 | 28663 | 5934 | 23707 | 18866 | 19615 | 28487 | 27367 | 186936 |
| Sows | May 26, 1956 | 7787 | 4425 | 1015 | 6598 | 4585 | 2570 | 8259 | 4579 | 39818 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 7122 | 4390 | 771 | 5226 | 3351 | 1731 | 7165 | 4822 | 34578 |
| | May 28, 1955 | 8277 | 2909 | 556 | 9663 | 6771 | 2944 | 11329 | 4534 | 46983 |
| SOWS | | | | | Percentage of total | | | | | |
| | May 26, 1956 | 23 | 8 | 8 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 22 | 13 | 16 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 22 | 8 | 7 | 22 | 19 | 8 | 18 | 13 | 14 |
| | May 28, 1955 | 19 | 9 | 9 | 29 | 26 | 13 | 28 | 14 | 20 |

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

| | Hog products 1/ | Hog prices 2/ | Gross spread or margin 3/ |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 26, 1956 | $19.09 | $17.98 | $1.11 |
| May 19, 1956 | 18.51 | 17.14 | 1.37 |
| May 28, 1955 | 19.88 | 18.41 | 1.47 |

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U.S.No.1, 2 and 3 hogs 200-220# wt. Chicago

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

| Week ended | Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds | Corn, No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel 1/ | Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 26, 1956 | 17.67 | 154.1 | 11.5 |
| May 19, 1956 | 16.77 | 150.3 | 11.2 |
| May 28, 1955 | 17.50 | 149.1 | 11.7 |

1/ Simple average price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

| | | Chicago | Omaha | Kansas City | Fort Worth | Denver | Ogden & North Salt Lake | South San Francisco |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LAMBS (SPRING) - | | | | | | | | |
| Choice and Prime | May 26, 1956 | 27.80 | 25.82 | 25.60 | -- | 27.85 | 24.20 | 24.25 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 26.60 | 26.38 | 25.80 | -- | 28.18 | 24.75 | 24.75 |
| | May 28, 1955 | -- | 22.90 | 23.70 | -- | 22.88 | 22.00 | 19.50 |
| Good and Choice | May 26, 1956 | 26.52 | 24.48 | 23.68 | 20.30 | 25.98 | 22.95 | 23.25 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 25.45 | 25.40 | 24.15 | 21.95 | 26.30 | 23.50 | 23.75 |
| | May 28, 1955 | -- | 21.45 | 22.52 | 21.90 | 20.60 | 20.70 | 19.00 |
| LAMBS - 105# down (SHORN) - | | | | | | | | |
| Choice and Prime | May 26, 1956 | 23.95 | -- | 20.90 | -- | 23.90 | 19.00 | -- |
| | May 19, 1956 | 24.00 | -- | 22.50 | -- | 24.50 | 20.00 | -- |
| | May 28, 1955 | 19.38 | -- | 17.62 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Good and Choice | May 26, 1956 | 23.08 | 21.30 | 19.20 | 20.15 | 22.50 | 17.00 | -- |
| | May 19, 1956 | 23.05 | 21.48 | 20.50 | 20.85 | 23.00 | 18.00 | -- |
| | May 28, 1955 | 18.38 | 17.42 | 16.38 | 15.95 | 17.05 | -- | -- |
| EWES (SHORN) - | | | | | | | | |
| Good and Choice | May 26, 1956 | 5.00 | 5.25 | 4.75 | -- | 5.35 | 5.50 | -- |
| | May 19, 1956 | 5.10 | 5.70 | 5.12 | -- | 7.12 | 5.50 | -- |
| | May 28, 1955 | 5.75 | 4.50 | 4.98 | -- | 6.42 | 4.25 | -- |
| Cull and Utility | May 26, 1956 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 3.75 | -- | 3.30 | 3.25 | 3.00 |
| | May 19, 1956 | 4.05 | 4.20 | 4.12 | -- | 4.25 | 3.25 | -- |
| | May 28, 1955 | 4.62 | 3.50 | 3.80 | -- | 4.25 | 2.75 | 3.00 |
| FEEDER LAMBS - | | | | | | | | |
| Good and Choice | May 26, 1956 | -- | 20.00 | -- | 15.25 | -- | -- | 20.00 |
| | May 19, 1956 | -- | -- | -- | 15.70 | -- | -- | -- |
| | May 28, 1955 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 15.75 |

ESTIMATED PERCENT FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE
AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

| Week ended | Chicago | Kansas City | Omaha | S. St. Joseph | St.Louis: NSY | Sioux City | S. St. Paul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Feeders and stockers | | | | |
| May 25, 1956 | 5 | 29 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 20 | 5 |
| May 18, 1956 | 4 | 32 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 5 |
| May 27, 1955 | 3 | 23 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 5 |
| | | | Slaughter cows | | | | |
| May 25, 1956 | 6 | 16 | 12 | 23 | 16 | 8 | 25 |
| May 18, 1956 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 9 | 28 |
| May 27, 1955 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 23 | 7 | 35 |

| | Indian-apolis | Denver | Fort Worth | Okla. City | Wichita | San Antonio |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Feeders and stockers | | | | |
| May 25, 1956 | 15 | 10 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 45 |
| May 18, 1956 | 9 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 34 | 35 |
| May 27, 1955 | 8 | 8 | 30 | 55 | 24 | 35 |
| | | Slaughter cows | | | | |
| May 25, 1956 | 12 | 12 | 20 | 20 | 43 | 25 |
| May 18, 1956 | 9 | 8 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 25 |
| May 27, 1955 | 18 | 8 | 33 | 20 | 24 | 30 |

# NEW YORK WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

## Western Dressed Fresh Meats

Western dressed fresh meats moved at a slow to fair pace throughout the week. Buyer interest improved somewhat after Wednesday. The supply situation was comparable to that of the previous week as steer unloads were normal, while other classes averaged moderate to small. A sizable carryover of lower grade spring lamb hampered trading to some degree, and aside from sales of selected lots, the bulk sold at slight to sharp price discounts. Steer prices worked lower, and declines were also recorded on lower grade veal and calf. Sharp upturns were posted on most primal cuts of Western dressed fresh pork with loins setting the pace. Compared with the previous week: Steer beef and veal steady to $1.00 lower; cow beef unchanged; calf steady to $2.00 lower; most spring lamb weak to unevenly lower; old crop lamb $1.00-3.00 off; pork loins $3.00-5.00 higher, other fresh pork cuts steady to $3.00 higher.

Prime carcass realizations were off $1.00 for the week, Choice averaging around 50¢ lower. Hindquarters and rounds moved best on the initial session, but thereafter, demand for front-end cuts expanded materially. A favorable movement of loin cuts was influenced largely by an inviting price structure. A moderate supply of cow beef moved at steady prices.

Trade for both veal and calf lacked stability, and relatively narrow demand resulted in lower prices. Declines, however, were posted mostly on offerings grading low-Good and below. Calf numbers were slightly increased. Weakness permeated the lamb trade, with moderate unloads consisting mainly of spring lamb. Price trend was uneven and in instances sharply lower. Prices of carried over stocks were revised downward sharply to effect clearance.

Prices on Western dressed fresh pork moved upward, with most advance on fresh loins. Firm price stands at wholesale levels were motivated largely by higher replacement costs. Supplies cleared readily as most retailers participated, although limiting purchases.

## Locally Dressed Fresh Meats

Demand for locally dressed fresh meats was fairly dependable, although anticipated price advances failed to materialize on beef and veal. Lamb prices were mostly under pressure, but pork met with favorable buyer response at higher prices. Trading in kosher fresh meats was only fair early but was moderatoly active late.

Most primal steer cuts sold at steady prices despite minor price variations. Virtually all cuts shared equally in a fairly broad demand from retail outlets. Prices on kosher steer forequarters and cuts closed steady to strong, with early downturns fully recovered.

Prices on veal and calf hindsaddles were steady at the close, despite some early weakness. The increased volume of lower grade veal and all calf offerings proved troublesome in spots as many of these showed indications of grassy origin. Moderate lamb kills consisted mainly of spring lamb. Sales were made mostly under pressure on all sessions. Hindsaddles and legs moved disappointingly slow with some sales of lower grades recorded at drastic discounts. Inquiry for front end cuts was extremely broad, but upturns were largely offset by declines on hindsaddles and legs. Prices on kosher lamb foresaddles worked progressively higher, with net upturns of $4.00-5.00 at the close.

Most primal cuts of locally dressed fresh pork carried higher price tags. Sellers were influenced to some extent by advances at replacement levels, but maintained firm price stands for the most part. A fully normal supply comparable to that of the previous week was expected to clear without difficulty.

Slaughter of cattle, calves and lambs returned to normal proportions following the non-slaughtering kosher holidays of the previous week.

## CHICAGO WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

The week's moderate to normal supplies of steer and heifer beef and veal were about the same as those of the previous week. Veal carcasses under 80# continued scarce, while beef consisted mostly of Good and Choice grades. Volume of lamb was small, mainly old crop offerings. Pork supplies were moderate and somewhat below those of a week earlier. Although pork trading locally was rather slow, prices worked higher, influenced by steadily advancing wholesale replacement costs. Limited quantities of lightweight veal carcasses of the lower grades sold dependably, but otherwise trading on veal was slow. Trading on carcass beef was selectively fair to slow, with best action on Monday. All interests were in the market for beef ribs and loins at higher prices, particularly ribs which were often short of demand. Squarecut chucks encountered considerable resistance early. However, clearances of carried-over stocks were complete by Wednesday, and this along with cooler weather in the Chicago area influenced a firm price undertone. Carcass lamb trade was mostly slow. Demand was exceptionally good for fore end cuts but hindquarter cuts were overlooked, particularly loins. Fairly good clearances of fresh meat are in prospect, the only exception being lamb hindsaddles, and possibly a few beef chucks. Compared to last Thursday's close: Beef mostly steady to 50¢ lower; veal steady to $2.00 higher, full advance on weights under 80#; lamb steady to mostly $1.00 lower; pork loins 8-16# and Boston butts 4-8# $4.50-5.50 higher; spareribs 3# and down $2.50-3.00 higher. Choice and Prime squarecut beef chucks cashed at $24.00-26.00, comparable rounds $40.00-42.00; Prime loins $78.00-84.00, Choice $63.00-68.00; Prime ribs $55.00-57.00, Choice $44.00-47.00; Choice and Prime Kosher style beef chucks $27.00-29.00. Lamb hindsaddles bulked from $60.00-65.00; legs $52.00-56.00; loins $75.00-82.00, hotel ribs $70.00-75.00.

## PACIFIC COAST WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEW

Moderate supplies of most fresh meats were more than adequate for a continued narrow demand at all points on the West Coast. Choice steer beef under 600# and Canner and Cutter cow carcasses continued in best demand at Los Angeles. Supplies in the San Francisco area were augmented by incoming shipments of Choice steer carcasses over 700#. The volume of veal and calf offerings was more limited than most other classes. Moderate supplies of fresh pork met narrow outlets and were under pressure due to higher prices. Trading was slow and selective throughout. Compared with last Friday: Steer beef steady to $1.00 lower, most decline in California; cow beef largely steady to weak; veal, calf and spring lamb steady to $2.00 lower; fresh pork steady to $2.00 higher, instances $4.00 up on loins at Los Angeles; cured pork steady to $4.00 higher, advance mostly at Los Angeles; lard steady to 75¢ higher.

Choice steer carcasses 700# down sold mostly from $32.00-35.00, few under 600# $37.00 at San Francisco, 700-800# $31.00-35.00 in California; Good 500-700# $29.00-34.00, some reaching $36.00 at Portland. Commercial cow beef bulked from $25.00-28.00, soft-boned reaching $30.00 in Northern California and the Northwest; Utility $24.00-27.00; Canner and Cutter $20.00-25.00. Good and Choice veal carcasses under 150# brought $36.00-45.00; same grades of calf under 300# $34.00-37.00 in California and nominal in the Northwest. Choice and Prime spring lamb under 55# cashed from $45.00-50.00, few $52.00 at Portland; Good $43.00-50.00. Closely trimmed pork loins brought $49.00-56.00; shoulders $26.00-32.00; spareribs $36.00-47.00; smoked skinned hams under 18# $50.00-58.00; slab bacon under 10# $32.00-42.00; sliced 1# packages in heat sealed packs $39.00-47.00; smoked picnics $29.00-36.00; lard in 1# cartons $14.50-20.00.

## WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | New York | | | Chicago | | | San Francisco | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 | May 26 1956 | May 19 1956 | 28 1955 |
| Beef – | | | | | | | | | |
| Steer – | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime 600–700# | 39.25 | 40.25 | -- | 36.00 | 36.60 | 42.85 | -- | -- | -- |
| 700–800 | 38.25 | 39.25 | 43.50 | 36.00 | 36.60 | 43.95 | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice 500–600 | -- | -- | -- | 33.55 | 33.45 | 37.80 | 35.50 | 35.50 | 40.00 |
| 600–700 | 35.50 | 35.75 | 39.25 | 33.55 | 33.45 | 38.10 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 38.50 |
| Good 350–600 | 32.25 | 32.25 | 34.00 | 31.20 | 31.60 | 35.50 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 38.00 |
| Com'l. " " | 28.00 | 28.00 | 31.00 | 28.75 | 29.00 | 32.25 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 35.00 |
| Cow, all wts. – | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.70 | -- | -- | -- | 28.50 | 28.50 | 30.00 |
| Utility | 26.50 | 26.50 | 25.40 | -- | -- | -- | 25.50 | 25.50 | 26.50 |
| Veal – | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime 80–110# | 40.50 | 40.60 | 42.70 | 42.50 | 43.10 | 43.50 | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice " " | 36.30 | 36.80 | 35.70 | 37.00 | 38.20 | 39.00 | -- | -- | -- |
| Good " " | 33.80 | 34.10 | 32.90 | 35.00 | 35.20 | 37.00 | 41.00 | 41.00 | 39.00 |
| Spring lamb – | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime 40–50# | 52.40 | 53.70 | 44.60 | 49.00* | 50.00* | 41.50* | 48.10 | 49.00 | 41.00 |
| 50–60 | -- | -- | -- | 48.00* | 48.00* | 36.80* | 46.70 | 47.00 | 39.00 |
| Choice 40–50 | 52.40 | 53.70 | 43.60 | 49.00* | 50.00* | 40.30* | 47.70 | 48.00 | 39.00 |
| 50–60 | -- | -- | -- | 48.00* | 48.00* | 35.80* | 46.00 | 46.50 | 37.00 |
| Good all wts. | 43.00 | 49.30 | 39.00 | 44.10* | 45.50* | 34.10* | 44.00 | 46.00 | 38.50 |
| Pork – Fresh – | | | | | | | | | |
| Loins 8–10# av. | 50.60 | 46.10 | 49.30 | 49.30 | 46.45 | 50.60 | 53.00 | 50.20 | 54.40 |
| 10–12 " | 50.60 | 46.10 | 49.30 | 49.30 | 46.45 | 50.60 | 55.00 | 52.20 | 52.40 |
| 12–16 " | 49.00 | 45.60 | 47.30 | 48.15 | 45.50 | 47.40 | 53.00 | 50.60 | 51.40 |
| Butts 4–8 " | 35.00 | 32.30 | 34.00 | 33.55 | 30.00 | 33.00 | 36.00 | 36.00 | 39.50 |
| Pork – Cured – | | | | | | | | | |
| Hams, smk., skd. – | | | | | | | | | |
| 12–16# av. | 52.50 | 48.00 | 53.00 | 54.20 | 52.35 | 52.35 | 56.00 | 56.00 | 56.00 |
| 16–18 " | 47.30 | 46.00 | 49.00 | 53.30 | 51.35 | 50.25 | 54.00 | 54.00 | 53.00 |
| 18–20 " | -- | -- | -- | 51.65 | 50.35 | 48.45 | -- | -- | -- |
| Bacon, smk.. slab – | | | | | | | | | |
| 6–8# av. | -- | -- | -- | 34.75 | 33.80 | 43.50 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 51.00 |
| 8–10 " | 34.50 | 30.00 | 40.50 | 34.00 | 32.80 | 41.20 | 38.00 | 38.00 | 47.50 |
| Sliced 1 # pkg. | 42.00 | 39.00 | 51.00 | 40.45 | 39.15 | 50.70 | 44.00 | 42.00 | 51.00 |
| Picnics, smoked – | | | | | | | | | |
| 4–8# av. | 28.00 | 27.00 | 33.00 | 33.10 | 31.80 | 35.05 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 36.00 |
| Backs, D. S. – | | | | | | | | | |
| 16–20# av. | 16.00 | 15.00 | 14.50 | 12.75 | 12.75 | 11.25 | -- | -- | -- |
| Lard, 1# cartons – | | | | | | | | | |
| Refined | 17.25 | 17.25 | 16.00 | 16.25 | 16.25 | 14.75 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 18.50 |
| Substitutes | -- | -- | -- | 32.50 | -- | 27.00 | -- | -- | -- |

Note: Quotations at New York exclude locally dressed meats.

* Old-crop lamb.

# BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

The turnover of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market showed some improvement compared to the previous week as approximately thirty-one cars were moved. Demand continued good for medium fleece wools while actual sales of fine wool for consumption showed a sharp increase in volume. Integrated mill buyers showed more interest and activity as prices continued very firm in the local market. Movement of scoured wools and noils was about the same as a week ago at steady prices. Trading in the territory States was somewhat slower than a week earlier, but a little more wool was sold in Texas at firm prices. Turnover was moderate in the fleece wool States at a slightly higher basis.

Cabled reports indicated easier prices on South African markets, while prices at all other Dominion wool centers continued strong under general competition. There was light activity in Buenos Aires while the Montevideo market remained quiet.

Fleece Wools - Graded fine staple delaine wool sold at clean prices ranging from $1.30-1.32. Graded 60/62s good French combing and staple fleeces brought $1.14, and 56/58s good French and staple at 55¢ in the grease moved at $1.04 and $1.05 clean. Graded 50/54s good French combing and staple wool sold at 53¢ and 55¢, grease basis, and was estimated to cost from $1.00-1.03 while graded average to good French combing 56/58s fleeces at 55¢ in the grease brought $1.00 clean. Country buyers were paying from 40¢-42¢ for fine wool and 43¢-44¢ for medium wool to the growers.

Territory Wools - Trading on territory wools in the local market was practically at a standstill. A fair weight of mostly bulk fine Montana good French combing and staple wools sold ahead at grease prices ranging from 45¢-50¢ f.o.b. while smaller clips with half-blood and medium grades brought 41¢-45¢ f.o.b.

Texas Wools - Original bag 12 months Texas wool sold from $1.35-1.40 while average to good French combing in original bags brought from $1.27-1.33.

Mohair - Original bag adult mohair sold in Texas at 86½¢-87½¢ while original bag kid hair brought $1.00 f.o.b.

Sales of CCC Wools - The Commodity Credit Corporation announced on May 24, 1956 that approximately 1,778,000 pounds of C.C.C.-owned wools were sold from bids received on a total of about 5,498,000 pounds. The principal grades, quantities and sales price ranges (before discounts, if any) follow:

| | Pounds | Price Range |
|---|---|---|
| Graded territory fine, short French and clothing | 36,756 | $1.08 |
| " " 1/4 blood staple and good French 48/50s | 37,173 | $1.061- 1.091 |
| Original bag territory fine short French and clothing | 21,190 | 1.03 - 1.05 |
| " " Texas 8 months, best length | 12,999 | 1.153 |
| Graded fleece fine, average and good French | 30,480 | 1.10 |
| " " 1/2 blood average and good French | 42,632 | 1.02 |
| " " 3/8s " staple and good French | 490,001 | 1.057 |
| " " 1/4 " " " " " 50/54s | 427,648 | 1.007- 1.017 |
| " " 1/4 " " " " " 48/50s | 89,619 | .96 - .992 |
| " " low 1/4" | 24,894X | .80 - .838 |
| Burry and seedy fine and 1/2 blood | 57,441 | .94 - .945 |
| " " " 3/8s and 1/4 blood | 25,151 | .80 - .837 |

(X - No more of this class now left in inventory.)

Carpet Wools - Trade in carpet wools was very dull but prices held firm in all primary markets. Buenos Aires shippers were asking 84¢ clean fibers present for November second clips.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION 1/

| | Number (000 omitted) | | | | Percent | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1956 | Jan.-Apr. 1956 | Apr. 1955 | Apr. 1956 | Mar. 1956 | Jan.-Apr. 1956 | Apr. 1955 |
| Cattle | | | | | | | | |
| Steers | 899 | 893 | 3,490 | 737 | 58.2 | 57.0 | 55.5 | 50.8 |
| Heifers | 227 | 255 | 972 | 238 | 14.7 | 16.3 | 15.4 | 16.4 |
| Cows | 391 | 393 | 1,722 | 444 | 25.3 | 25.1 | 27.4 | 30.6 |
| Bulls & Stags | 28 | 25 | 107 | 32 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Total 2/ | 1,545 | 1,566 | 6,291 | 1,451 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Canners & Cutters 3/ | 193 | 196 | 849 | 218 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 15.0 |
| Hogs: | | | | | | | | |
| Sows | 425 | 392 | 1,513 | 376 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 8.4 |
| Barrows & Gilts | 4,800 | 5,909 | 22,573 | 4,065 | 91.4 | 93.4 | 93.2 | 90.9 |
| Stags & Boars | 26 | 25 | 121 | 31 | .5 | .4 | .5 | .7 |
| Total 2/ | 5,251 | 6,326 | 24,207 | 4,472 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Sheep and Lambs: | | | | | | | | |
| Lambs & Yearlings | 1,089 | 1,189 | 4,714 | 1,140 | 96.4 | 97.8 | 97.5 | 96.6 |
| Sheep | 41 | 27 | 123 | 40 | 3.6 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.4 |
| Total 2/ | 1,130 | 1,216 | 4,837 | 1,180 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.
3/ Included in cattle classification.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

| Region | Steers | | Heifers | | Cows | | Bulls and Stags | | Canners & Cutters all classes | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr. | | Apr. | | Apr. | | Apr. | | Apr. | |
| | 1956 Pct. | 1955 Pct. | 1956 Pct. | 1955 Pct. | 1956 Pct. | 1955 Pct. | 1956 Pct. | 1955 Pct. | 1956 Pct. | 1955 Pct. |
| N. Atlantic States.. | 68.4 | 54.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 28.2 | 40.6 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 16.9 | 26.6 |
| S. Atlantic States.. | 60.8 | 47.2 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 30.9 | 43.1 | 4.3 | 7.1 | 20.6 | 28.2 |
| N.C. States -Eastern | 63.9 | 57.3 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 27.2 | 34.7 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 11.5 | 14.5 |
| N.C.States-N.Western | 60.5 | 55.3 | 15.7 | 18.2 | 22.1 | 25.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 10.5 | 7.9 |
| N.C.States-S.Western | 69.5 | 56.9 | 14.3 | 17.4 | 15.7 | 24.8 | .5 | .9 | 6.6 | 11.8 |
| S. Central States... | 37.5 | 24.8 | 9.2 | 12.6 | 50.0 | 58.4 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 30.7 | 34.0 |
| Mountain States..... | 27.6 | 25.4 | 58.4 | 59.9 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 5.5 | 7.0 |
| Pacific States..... | 61.7 | 58.7 | 15.5 | 17.2 | 21.0 | 22.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 7.1 | 8.7 |

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION
April 1956 - with comparisons

| | April | | January - April | | Percentage Apr. 1956 of | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | Apr. 1955 | 5-yr. Apr.av. |
| Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousand of head) - | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 1,545 | 1,452 | 6,291 | 5,810 | 106 | 127 |
| Calves | 604 | 596 | 2,438 | 2,336 | 101 | 119 |
| Hogs | 5,252 | 4,472 | 24,206 | 20,120 | 117 | 115 |
| Sheep & lambs | 1,129 | 1,180 | 4,837 | 4,727 | 96 | 114 |
| Average live weight: (pounds) | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 1004.6 | 967.6 | 1013.1 | 977.7 | 104 | 102 |
| Steers 1/ | 1034.8 | 998.7 | -- | -- | 104 | 103 |
| Heifers 1/ | 879.5 | 842.2 | -- | -- | 104 | 104 |
| Cows 1/ | 991.0 | 975.5 | -- | -- | 102 | 100 |
| Calves | 209.2 | 197.1 | 206.6 | 198.5 | 106 | 111 |
| Hogs | 233.5 | 244.0 | 233.8 | 242.3 | 96 | 97 |
| Sheep & lambs | 99.2 | 99.8 | 101.0 | 101.6 | 99 | 99 |
| Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds) | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 16.57 | 18.21 | 15.81 | 17.91 | 91 | 75 |
| Steers 1/ | 18.47 | 21.63 | -- | -- | 85 | 71 |
| Heifers 1/ | 18.04 | 20.09 | -- | -- | 90 | 74 |
| Cows 1/ | 11.32 | 12.07 | -- | -- | 94 | 68 |
| Calves | 17.33 | 18.11 | 17.16 | 17.83 | 96 | 76 |
| Hogs | 14.65 | 16.81 | 12.69 | 16.45 | 87 | 72 |
| Sheep & lambs | 18.93 | 19.86 | 18.70 | 20.28 | 95 | 79 |
| Dressing yields: (per 100 pounds live weight) | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 56.6 | 55.7 | 56.2 | 55.2 | -- | -- |
| Calves | 56.0 | 55.7 | 55.7 | 55.6 | -- | -- |
| Hogs 2/ | 76.1 | 76.7 | 76.2 | 77.0 | -- | -- |
| Sheep & lambs | 48.2 | 48.4 | 48.0 | 48.0 | -- | -- |
| Lard per 100# | 14.9 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 14.7 | -- | -- |
| Lard per animal | 34.9 | 35.4 | 35.2 | 35.6 | -- | -- |
| Average dressed weight: (pounds) | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 568.6 | 539.0 | 569.8 | 539.8 | -- | -- |
| Calves | 117.2 | 109.8 | 115.1 | 110.4 | -- | -- |
| Hogs | 177.7 | 187.1 | 178.2 | 186.6 | -- | -- |
| Sheep & lambs | 47.8 | 48.3 | 48.5 | 48.8 | -- | -- |
| Condemnations 5/ (number of head) | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 6,412 | 6,290 | 25,227 | 25,425 | -- | -- |
| Calves | 3,183 | 2,678 | 17,018 | 14,732 | -- | -- |
| Hogs | 11,155 | 9,387 | 46,743 | 38,538 | -- | -- |
| Sheep & lambs | 4,727 | 3,786 | 14,735 | 13,374 | -- | -- |
| Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds) | | | | | | |
| Beef | 874,661 | 779,079 | 3,570,008 | 3,122,708 | 112 | 131 |
| Veal | 70,358 | 65,126 | 278,582 | 256,208 | 108 | 130 |
| Pork(carcass wt.) | 931,304 | 834,963 | 4,305,126 | 3,746,830 | 112 | 111 |
| Lamb & mutton | 53,754 | 56,802 | 234,024 | 230,215 | 95 | 112 |
| Total 3/ | 1,930,077 | 1,735,970 | 8,387,740 | 7,355,960 | 111 | 120 |
| Pork,excl.lard | 681,626 | 618,489 | 3,141,736 | 2,768,470 | 110 | 110 |
| Lard production 4/ | 182,846 | 158,080 | 851,043 | 715,593 | 116 | 114 |
| Rendered pork fat | 8,790 | 7,726 | 41,163 | 34,848 | 114 | 115 |

1/ Also included with cattle. 2/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 3/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 4/ Includes rendered pork fat. 5/ Partly estimated.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MEATS

| Commodity | Mar. 1956 | Mar. 1955 |
|---|---|---|
| | Pounds | Pounds |
| EXPORTS (Domestic) - | | |
| Beef and veal - | | |
| Fresh or frozen. . . . . | 4,955,512 | 1,387,060 |
| Pickled or cured . . . . . | 1,814,340 | 1,712,913 |
| Pork - | | |
| Hams & shoulders, cured or cooked and bacon. . . | 1,296,193 | 1,392,545 |
| Other pork, fresh, frozen, pickled, salted or otherwise cured. . . . . | 4,436,138 | 4,384,669 |
| Other meats, except canned (Incl. edible animal organs). . . . . | 9,653,364 | 5,322,192 |
| Canned meats - | | |
| Beef and veal. . . . . | 492,165 | 269,074 |
| Sausage, prepared sausage meats, bologna and frankfurters . . . . . | 291,466 | 294,604 |
| Pork . . . . . | 465,098 | 466,430 |
| Lard, includes rend. pork fat and shortenings (chief wt. animal fat) . . . . . | 62,227,746 | 46,055,771 |
| Tallow, edible . . . . . | 3,314,344 | 353,272 |
| Tallow, inedible . . . . . | 109,601,368 | 90,273,263 |
| Inedible animal oils, greases and fats, n.e.c. . . | 12,440,746 | 10,994,912 |
| IMPORTS - | | |
| Beef, fresh or frozen. . . . . | 2,145,974 | 3,411,762 |
| Veal, fresh or frozen. . . . . | -- | 7,589 |
| Beef and veal, pickled or cured. . . . . | 456,443 | 33,440 |
| Canned beef (includes corned beef) . . . . . | 5,925,198 | 5,628,815 |
| Pork, fresh or chilled or frozen . . . . . | 2,529,613 | 3,964,257 |
| Hams, shoulders, bacon & other pork 1/ . . . . . | 442,798 | 604,056 |
| Canned cooked hams & shoulders . . . . . | 7,240,846 | 9,094,791 |
| Other pork, prepared or preserved 2/ . . . . . | 955,156 | 1,441,883 |
| Meats, fresh, chilled, frozen, n.e.s.. . . . . | 35,262 | 28,498 |
| Meats, canned, prep. or pres. n.e.s. . . . . | 230,696 | 618,057 |
| Lamb, mutton and goat meat . . . . . | 59,795 | 524,187 |
| Tallow, inedible . . . . . | 211,311 | 214,226 |
| Animal fats, and greases, n.e.s. . . . . | 141,628 | 122,100 |

1/ Not cooked, boned or canned or made into sausage.
2/ Includes fresh pork sausage.

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

## UNITED STATES EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

| | Mar. 1956 | Mar. 1955 |
|---|---|---|
| | Number | Number |
| EXPORTS (domestic) - | | |
| Cattle for breeding | 2,758 | 2,957 |
| Other cattle | 1,103 | 288 |
| IMPORTS - | | |
| Cattle for breeding, free - | | |
| Canada 1/ - | | |
| Bulls | 77 | 41 |
| Cows | 1,501 | 1,285 |
| Other Countries - | | |
| Cows | -- | 1 |
| Cattle, other edible (dut.) - | | |
| Canada - | | |
| Over 700 pounds (Dairy) | 2,268 | 1,996 |
| Over 700 pounds (Other) | 452 | 1,704 |
| 200-700 pounds | 15 | 43 |
| Under 200 pounds | 6 | -- |
| Mexico - | | |
| Over 700 pounds (Dairy) | -- | 445 |
| Over 700 pounds (Other) | 1,487 | 5,712 |
| 200-700 pounds | 10,925 | 21,323 |
| Under 200 pounds | 48 | 448 |
| Hogs - | | |
| Edible, except for breeding (dut.) 2/ | 12 | 300 |
| Horses - | | |
| For breeding, free | 16 | 2 |
| Other (dut.) | 263 | 137 |
| Sheep, lambs and goats, edible (dut.) | 56 | 4,385 |

1/ Includes Newfoundland and Labrador. 2/ Number of hogs based on estimate of 200 pounds per animal.

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

## TOTAL MEATS, MEAT PRODUCTS, AND BYPRODUCTS GRADED, OR CERTIFIED AS COMPLYING WITH SPECIFICATIONS BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

| Month | Beef | Veal and calf | Lamb, yearling and mutton | Total | All other meats and lard | Grand total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1,000# | 1,000# | 1,000# | 1,000# | 1,000# | 1,000# |
| April 1956 | 599,917 | 16,364 | 20,068 | 636,349 | 11,923 | 648,272 |
| March 1956 | 619,350 | 18,120 | 22,047 | 659,517 | 12,303 | 671,820 |
| April 1955 | 482,619 | 21,936 | 19,205 | 523,760 | 13,668 | 537,428 |

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crop lambs closed at midwest terminals unevenly 25¢ higher to $1.00 lower. Good to Prime offerings with mostly No. 1 and 2 pelts cleared at Chicago from $22.50-24.25, one load Choice and Prime 101# $24.50. At other points sales ranged from $19.00-22.25, few down to $18.00. Cull to Good shorn slaughter ewes cleared mostly from $3.00-5.00 or mostly steady to weak, few Choice to $5.50. Feeder lambs sold steady to $1.00 lower, Good and Choice $19.00-21.00, Medium and Good new-crop Texas feeders $16.50-17.00. Few lots of Good solid-mouth breeding ewes cashed from . . $5.75-7.00.

## WESTERN LIVESTOCK REVIEW

Trade on slaughter cattle at Far West terminals was only moderately active with action on heifers more dependable than on steers. Compared with a week ago: Fed steers firm to 50¢ higher in the Northwest, steady to weak elsewhere; heifers steady to 50¢ higher; cows strong to 50¢ higher at Los Angeles and Spokane, steady to 50¢ lower at other points; vealers and slaughter calves mostly steady to $1.00 lower; stocker and feeder cattle steady; barrows and gilts steady to 75¢ higher; slaughter lambs weak to $1.50 lower.

Choice slaughter steers brought $19.00-21.00; Good $16.00-19.00; high-Good to Choice heifers $18.50-20.00, 2 loads high-Choice carrying a few Prime $20.15 at Denver, Good heifers mostly $17.50-18.50. Good and Choice vealers cleared from $22.00-27.00 at Ogden and Spokane, elsewhere $18.00-23.00; same grades slaughter calves $16.00-21.50. Medium and Good stocker and feeder steers cashed from $16.00-17.50, some Good feeders $18.00-18.60, few high-Choice yearling stock steers $18.50-19.00 up at Ogden. Good and Choice stock steer calves brought $19.00-21.25 at Denver, same grades at other terminals $17.00-19.25.

In the direct trade out of California feedlots most Choice steers sold for immediate delivery from $19.50-20.50, three loads $21.00 in Northern California, Good all weights $17.00-19.50. Stockers and feeders sold steady to 50¢ lower, 1100 head Good and Choice stockers cashing at $18.50 for the steers and $16.25 for the heifers. Other Good and Choice 575-600# stock steers brought $18.00-18.75, same grades 1000# feeders for immediate to near term delivery $16.50-17.75.

U. S. No. 1 to 3 180-240# barrows and gilts sold late at $18.75 at South San Francisco; $19.25 Stockton; $18.00-18.50 Los Angeles; $18.50-20.00 North Portland; $19.00-19.25 Spokane; $17.00-18.25 Ogden and $17.25-17.75 Denver. Choice and Prime spring slaughter lambs brought $27.00-28.00 at Denver early, with late sales mainly $27.00-27.50. The same grades sold elsewhere in the Far West from $24.00-25.00, Good and Choice $22.00-23.50.